

Elstad/Highland Prairie Lutheran Parish

Christ the King

November 22, 2020

*A humble request: Please consider sending your offering by mail to either Jennifer Nepstad (Elstad) or Karen Bakken (Highland Prairie).

Prelude

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“Blessing and Honor”

Blessing and honor and glory and pow’r,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore,
Be to the Lamb who our battle has won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne;
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne!

Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus’ name;
Let all the earth sing his glory and fame.
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flow’r
Echo his praises and tell of his pow’r;
Echo his praises and tell of his pow’r.

Ever ascending the song and the joy,
Ever descending the love from on high;
Blessing and honor and glory and praise---
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise;
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Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb!
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,
Dying in weakness and rising to reign;
Dying in weakness and rising to reign!

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you
all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us
pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of
the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray
to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service,
and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the
wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world
you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

C: Amen

First Lesson

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95.1-7a

Second Lesson

Ephesians 1.15-23

Gospel Acclamation (spoken by all)

“Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!”

Gospel

Matthew 25.31-46

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

All hail the pow’r of Jesus name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all.

O seed of Israel's chosen race
Now ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, you heirs of David's line,
Who David Lord did call---
The God incarnate, man divine---
And crown him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine---
And crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, who love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet
And crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet
And crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

**Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.**

Crown him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root when mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love---
Behold, his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their burning eyes
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity.

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Announcements

7th and 8th grade confirmation class is on Thanksgiving break this Wednesday, November 25th. Class will resume on Wednesday, December 2, 6:30 p.m. Class members and parents will be informed, Monday, November 30, regarding whether this class will meet in-house at Highland Prairie, or online (by Zoom).

The next Bible study will take place on the following Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., at Highland Prairie: December 3rd, 10th, and 17th. We will be taking a look at Advent texts and hymnody. Please let Pr. Luther know if you are interested.

Parish Thanksgiving Eve worship, Wednesday, November 25th, will be ONLINE ONLY. It will be available by 6:00 p.m. that day.

Next Sunday, November 29th, begins a new Church Year. It is the First Sunday in Advent. Please check the congregation's Facebook page and website for information regarding council action concerning whether worship will be in-house or online only. Remember: The Sunday worship service and prayer services continue to be posted online weekly.

A limited number of day-by-day Advent devotionals are available on a first-come-first-served basis. They have been placed in the narthex of both churches.

If you would like to assist Pr. Mathsen decorate the chancel for Advent, please let him know.